



MassDEP

Drinking Water Program

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Drinking Water Program Updates

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This week's program director email has these topics of interest:

1. Annual Statistical Report
2. Consumer Confidence Reports
3. MassRWA VSS Operator Training
4. Water System Partnerships
5. Fix a Leak Week
6. Training Calendar

Annual Statistical Report

The 2017 version of the electronic Annual Statistical Report (eASR) is now available. All systems active during 2017 are required to file an ASR.

- Log in using your existing username and password at <https://edep.dep.mass.gov>
- After logging in to your account verify your email by going to *My Profile* → *Update My Information*. Without a current and accurate email address you will not receive an official receipt after submitting your eASR.
- You must open a new ASR each year. From your eDEP homepage go to *Form* → *Drinking Water* → *2017 Public Water System Annual Statistical Report*.
- **The ASR is due on Monday, April 30th 2018.**
- Instructions for filling out the ASR are located at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/drinking-water-permits-forms-and-templates#statistical-reporting-forms>.

For questions related to filling out the Annual Statistical Report please contact:

- Andrew Durham at (617) 574-6855 or andrew.durham@state.ma.us
- Tio Yano at (617) 292-5843 or tio.yano@state.ma.us

For questions related to Water Management Act forms please contact:

- Richard Friend at (617) 654-6522 or richard.friend@state.ma.us
- Jen D'Urso at (617) 654-6591 or jen.durso@state.ma.us

For questions related to eDEP, such as resetting your password or being unable to log in to your account, please contact the EEA Help Desk by email at eea.servicedesk@state.ma.us or by phone at (617) 626-1111.

Consumer Confidence Reports

For community systems only:

July 1st will be here before you know it, so get a start on your Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) now. There hasn't been any change in the CCR regulations this year. The only change had been in the Certification Form. You no longer have to send a copy of the CCR and Certification Form to the regional offices; just send it to the Boston office. This change has been reflected in the updated Certification Form, which can be found on the web at: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/water-systems-operations-i>. Please note that you must still send your CCR to the MA Department of Public Health and your local board of health.

MassRWA VSS Operator Training

Mass Rural Water Association (MassRWA) is offering two drinking water operator training classes for very small systems, Treatment-1 and Distribution-1 public water systems operators. The three-day training classes will be offered in both Northfield and South Easton. The courses are a good introduction to the drinking water industry and prepare the students to take and pass the certification exam. The cost is \$90 for members and \$120 for non-members.

MassRWA - Very Small Systems, Treatment-1 and Distribution-1 Class

This class is for those wanting to take the VSS, D1, or T1 Certification Test and for those wanting to learn about the drinking water industry.

Two Locations

February 8, 22, and March 1 8am-3pm at the Mass Rural Water Association Office, 168 Main St., Northfield, MA 01360

February 13, 20, and 27 8am-3pm at the Easton Water Department, 417 Bay Rd., South Easton, MA 02375

TCH

Attendees completing this class will be awarded 18 TCH's

Instructor

Jack Patch, Training Specialist with Mass RWA

Fee

\$90 for members and \$120 for non-members, cost includes book and materials fees-payable at registration.

Registration / Information

Call Debbe Dugan, MassRWA Office Manager, to register: [413.498.5779](tel:413.498.5779)

If you have questions, please email Debbe Dugan at ddugan@massrwa.org

Water System Partnerships

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched a new interactive website to increase awareness about the benefits of drinking water partnerships.

Communities and water utilities are faced with growing operational costs and technical challenges for treating drinking water. Drinking water system partnerships provide opportunities to increase capacity by working together to solve compliance challenges, share costs of operations and maintenance activities, and leverage other resources. EPA's new website highlights ways partnerships can address these challenges, leading to enhanced public health by working together and sharing information.

EPA's Water System Partnership website provides states, communities, utilities, and others with a user-friendly interface to explore the different types of partnerships, success stories across the nation, and national and state resources.

To visit EPA's new interactive website on drinking water system partnerships, visit:
<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-system-partnerships>

Fix a Leak Week

BOSTON'S LEAK DETECTION EFFORTS HIGHLIGHTED DURING "FIX A LEAK WEEK."

Strong leak detection capabilities help water utilities prevent waste, preserve revenue and protect its service area from disrupting events.

Boston Water and Sewer Commission's leak detection teams have played a key role in sharply reducing unaccounted for water, and BWSC leak detection has also helped avert the potential paralysis of busy areas and essential services in Boston. In November 2017, a BWSC leak detection team responded to reports of water entering an MBTA vent on busy Court Street near City Hall. Surveying the area with equipment called Digicorr, which is a real-time digital leak noise correlator, the team quickly identified a compromised 16-inch water main. A dig crew immediately excavated, zeroed in on the leak, and replaced rotting bolts securing a coupling. Had that main given way, the entire Downtown Crossing area – including the MBTA Orange and Blue Lines – almost certainly would have been severely impacted.

Training

When you need training please look at the training calendar located at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/drinking-water-training-class-schedules.html> for upcoming trainings.

If you need a refresher on recently given trainings, you can review several training videos located at:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJn2AKOcYr7lutGJB-UfDKtQPF_o_249m .

MassDEP is sending this important drinking water information to all PWS responsible persons who are listed on the state database. If you are no longer the correct responsible person for the PWS please reply with the correct contact information. MassDEP needs one responsible contact person from each PWS.

Operators, consultants, and others who are interested in Drinking Water Program updates are encouraged to request to be subscribed to this email list. You may also request to be unsubscribed by replying to this email.

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<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/advisory-committees/safe-drinking-water-act-assessment-advisory-committee.html>.